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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENT FOR
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 67632

1. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM A VISIT BY A PRIVATE WASHINGTON-BASED TRAFFIC ENGINEER THAT THE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT IS CONTEMPLATING REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TRINIDAD'S MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. DEREK COMMISSIONG, TRINIDAD'S ACTING DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS REPORTEDLY PLANS TO ASK DOT TO SELECT A US. TRAFFIC ENGINEERING FIRM TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES AS A COMPLEMENT TO THE WORLD BANK-FINANCED EAST-WEST CORRIDOR PROJECT. ULTIMATE AIM OF ASSISTANCE WOULD BE TO DEVELOP A SOPHISTICATED TRANSPORTATION UNIT WITHIN MINISTRY, OR EVEN TO CREATE SEPARATE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT FOR TRINNDAD. FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUPPOED TO BE MADE BETWEEN TRINIDAD EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND DOT.

2. EMBASSY SUBMITTING ABOVE INFORMATION JUST IN CASE THIS DEVELOPS INTO SOME SORT OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF ANYTHING ALONG THESE LINES WAS DISCUSSED DURING LEON LITZ VISIT WITH COMISSIONG (REFTEL), IF INDEED THAT VISIT TOOK PLACE, SINCE LITZ NEVER CONTACTED EMBASSY.

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